

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF THE BAY OF COLWYN TOWN COUNCIL, HELD AT 6.30PM ON TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY 2017, IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL, RHIW ROAD, COLWYN BAY

PRESENT: Cllr N Bastow (Chairman)
Cllrs: W Bagnall, Mrs G Baker, Mrs L Griffiths,
Mrs M Jones, J Pearson and Mrs V Smith J.P.

OFFICER: Mrs R Dudley, Assistant Town Clerk.

326/16 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Foreman and the Town Clerk, Mrs Tina Earley.

327/16 Declarations of Interest:

Members were reminded that they must declare the existence and nature of any personal and/or prejudicial interests. None were declared.

328/16 Minutes:

Resolved to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the last meeting, held on 10th January 2017.

329/16 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:

a. Min. 307/16(a) – Commonwealth Day Event and Centenary Field at Queen’s Gardens:

The members received the notes from the Working Group meeting held on 18th January 2017 and information about the Commonwealth Day and plaque unveiling event. Cllr Mrs Griffiths enquired whether the working group could be asked if a special commonwealth cake could be purchased for the event.

Resolved to note the working group notes and to put the request to the Commonwealth Day Working Group.

b. Min. 146/16(b) – Bike Racks:

The Assistant Clerk submitted an email response regarding installation of 2 bike racks at the Spar Store on Colwyn Avenue. The Council had originally asked for 5 bike racks for the use of the whole community. Cllr Mrs Baker informed the Committee that she had viewed the plans for the new Co-op (across the road) and their plans did include the installation of 5 bike racks. The Chair informed the Committee that another business site in the centre of town had previously been identified for the installation of bike racks and suggested that the Council approach them again.

Resolved to decline the offer of 2 bike racks at the Spar store and to seek alternative business premises to install 5 bike racks.

c. Min 176/16(a) – Bus Shelters:

The Assistant Clerk submitted an email regarding the 14 & 15 bus services.

The information was noted.

d. Min 250/16 – BT Consultation:

It was noted that the BT Consultation had been re-opened.

330/16 Conwy CBC:

The following correspondence from CCBC was received and noted:

Temporary Traffic Regulation for link path Jnct Grove Park to Jnct Victor

331/16 Colwyn BID:

Information about recent, current and forthcoming projects from Colwyn Bid was submitted and noted by members.

332/16 Noticeboards and Picnic Benches:

i) It was noted that is time for the quarterly inspection of noticeboards and members were asked to report back to the Clerk.

ii) The Assistant Clerk submitted correspondence from the Clerk regarding a recent inspection of picnic benches on the promenade and to note that Conwy CBC had agreed to repair and repaint the benches, with the cost of time and materials to be charged to the Town Council.

Members suggested that the Mens Shed should be asked if they would be willing to repair and repaint the benches and members also suggested that those benches in a bad state of repair should be removed.

333/16 Colwyn Chamber of Trade Meeting:

Cllr Mrs Baker reported verbally on the meeting held on 16/01/2017:

The Town Manager had reported on the new Council Offices. Apprentices will be employed and if suitable will be employed full time. They are also liaising with the Princes Trust. The membership of the Chamber of Trade was discussed. Cllr Mrs Baker had suggested ‘Boris’ type bikes to link the town with the beach. Committee members thought this was a good idea and should be explored further.

334/16 Community & Town Council Election Awareness 2017:

Information from the Welsh Government to raise awareness for prospective candidates was noted by members.

335/16 Other Correspondence:

It was noted that the following item(s) of correspondence are available on request from the Clerk:

- a. Minutes of an OC(E)RA meeting, held on 11th January 2017.
- b. Minutes of Conwy Access Group, held on 17th January 2017.
- c. Minutes of Colwyn Business Improvement Strategic Board Meeting, held on 10th January 2017.

336/16 Planning:

- a. The Assistant Clerk submitted, for consideration, the planning applications received from CCBC.

Resolved to submit observations on these applications, as detailed in Schedule 'A' attached.

- b. The Assistant Clerk submitted, for information, a copy of the Planning Decisions recently issued by CCBC.
- c. The Assistant Clerk submitted notification of a proposed planning application for residential development of land at Plas Gwilym Quarry. Members felt that the plans should be available to view at the library as a paper copy not just as an electronic version due to the complexity of the application.

It was resolved to request that the developer be invited to address the Town Council at a future meeting and to request that paper copies of the plans be available to the general public .

- d. It was noted that Planning Applications would only be available electronically from 1st April 2017. The Town Council are currently sent paper copies.
- e. The full consultation document re: LDP35 – Safeguarding Employment Sites was submitted to the Committee. Cllr Bagnall was concerned that three sites had not been mentioned in the guidance; Colwyn Bay Laundry Site, Rhos on Sea Laundry Site and the Car Dealership on Penrhyn Avenue, Rhos on Sea.
Resolved to enquire if the sites could be included in the Consultation.
- f. A report from the Clerk following a presentation by Planning Aid Wales at the N&MWALC Meeting was noted by members.
- g. Advice tips from SLCC re: pre-application consultations and commenting effectively on planning applications was noted by members.
- h. An appeal decision for Calfaria Chapel, Princess Road, Old Colwyn was noted by members.

- i. The Assistant Clerk submitted the Planning Committee Site visits due to be held on Tuesday 7th February 2017. If members could attend, they were requested to email the Clerk.

337/16 Licensing:

The Assistant Clerk submitted notice of one licensing application, relating to the Sun Inn in Old Colwyn.

Resolved to receive and note details of any recent licensing applications.

338/16 Creating Playful Communities:

The Assistant Clerk submitted details of a workshop to be held on 13th February 2017. Members were asked to notify the Clerk if they wished to attend.

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

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